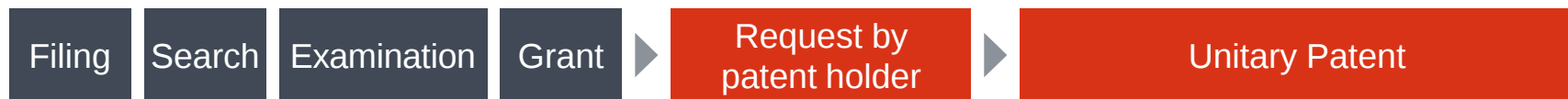


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THE UNITARY PATENT: A NEW OPTION TO PROTECT IN EUROPE

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CONCEPT AND BENEFITS



Classic European patent
Multiple national post-grant procedures

National patent offices

- Translation requirements
- National validation fees
- Procedures
- Renewal fees
- Currencies
- Different Registers



Unitary Patent
One-stop-shop for all post-grant procedures

European Patent Office

- Simplified translation regime
- No fee for obtaining a Unitary Patent
- One procedure
- One set of renewal fees
- One currency (€)
- One Register

REDUCED COSTS



No fees charged

by the EPO for
the request for a
Unitary Patent
(UP)



Attractive fee level

with renewal fees for
maintaining a UP for
10 years in 18 countries
amounting to
EUR 5 036



Reduction of 15%

of the renewal fee
for the registration
of an intention
to licence a UP



UPC is the only jurisdiction

for infringement
proceedings

REQUEST FOR UNITARY EFFECT: REQUIREMENTS

Substantive requirements

Unitary effect can be requested for European patents that were granted

- in respect of all 25 participating member states and
- with the same set of claims for all of them

Formal requirements

- filing of the request by the patent owner in writing, including via online means, in the language of the proceedings
- no later than one month after the mention of the grant is published
- translations only during a transitional period (2023-2030)

REQUEST FOR UNITARY EFFECT: PRACTICALITIES

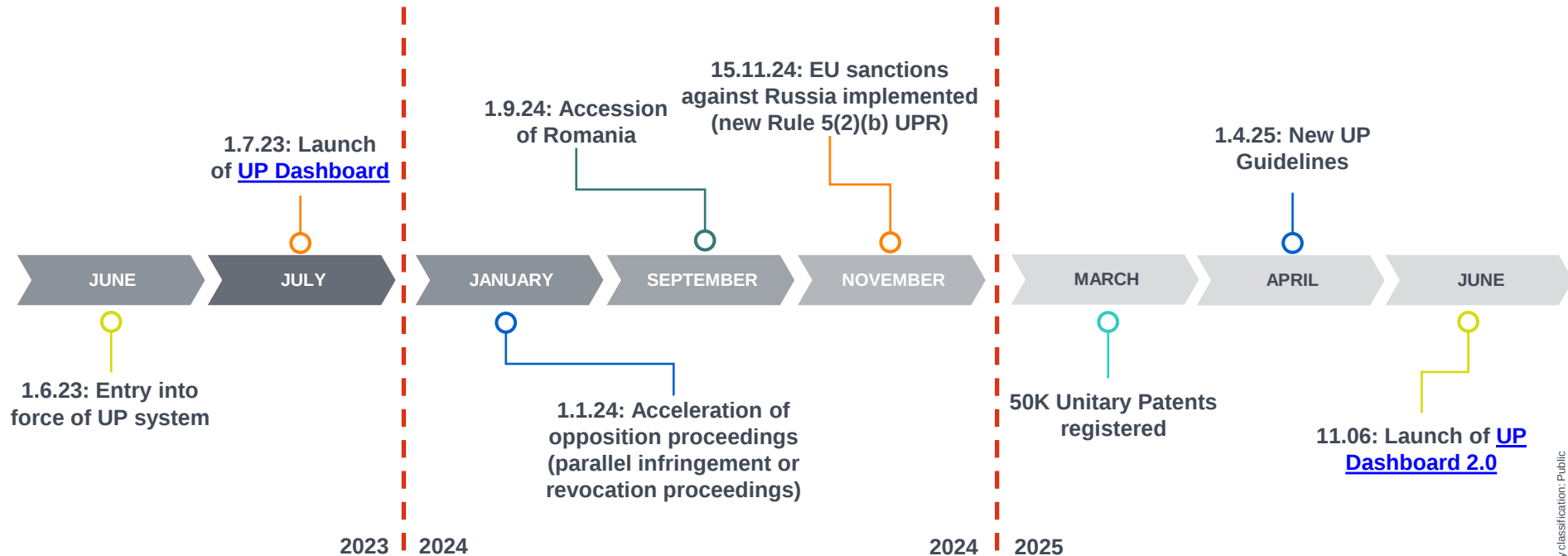


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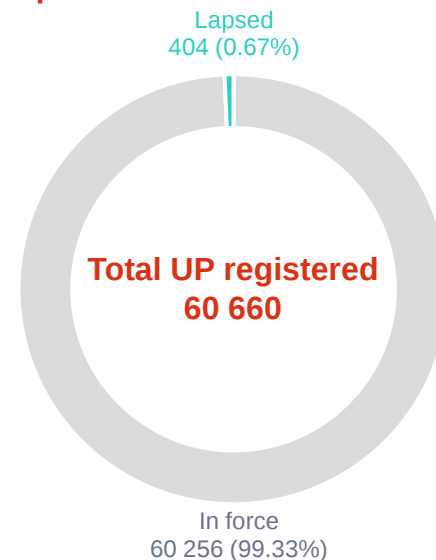
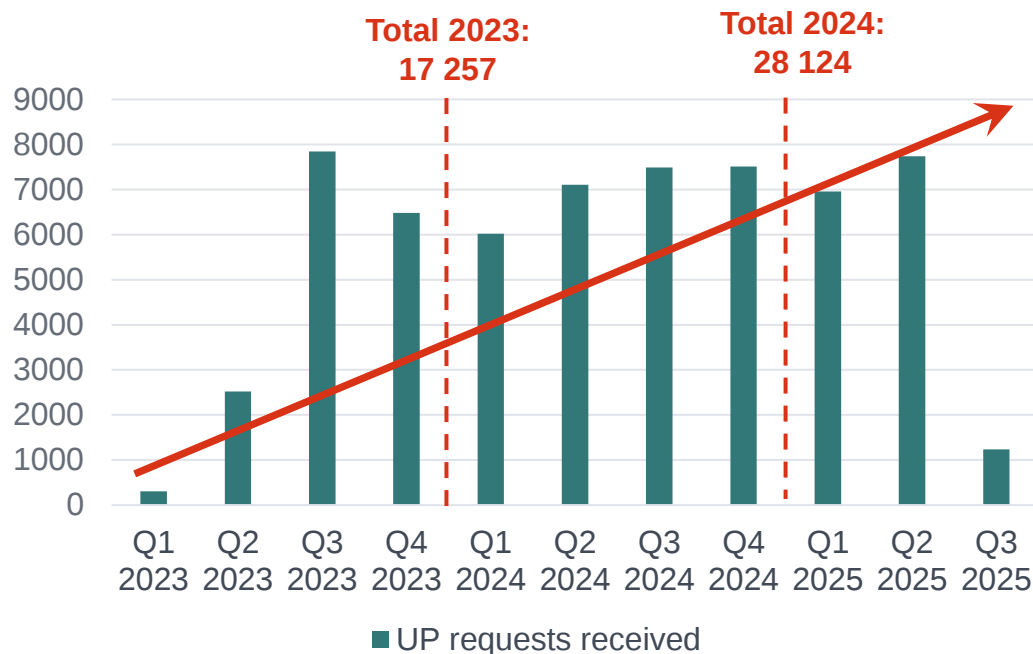
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UNITARY PATENT KEY DEVELOPMENTS



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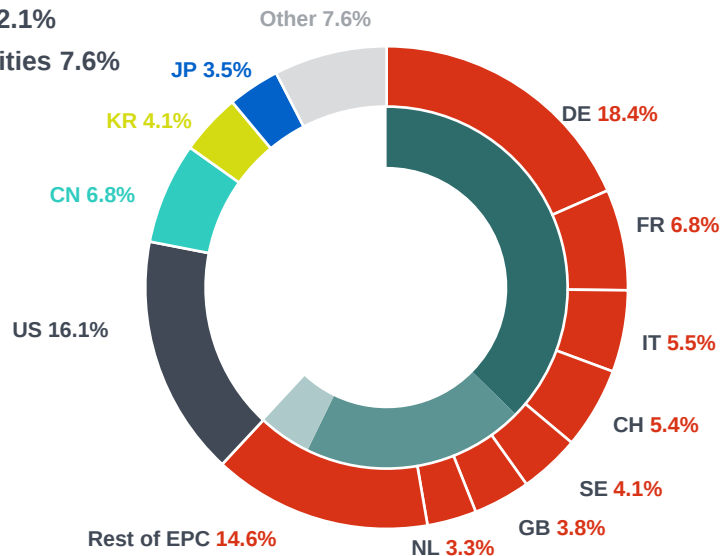
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Origin and makeup of proprietors in 2025

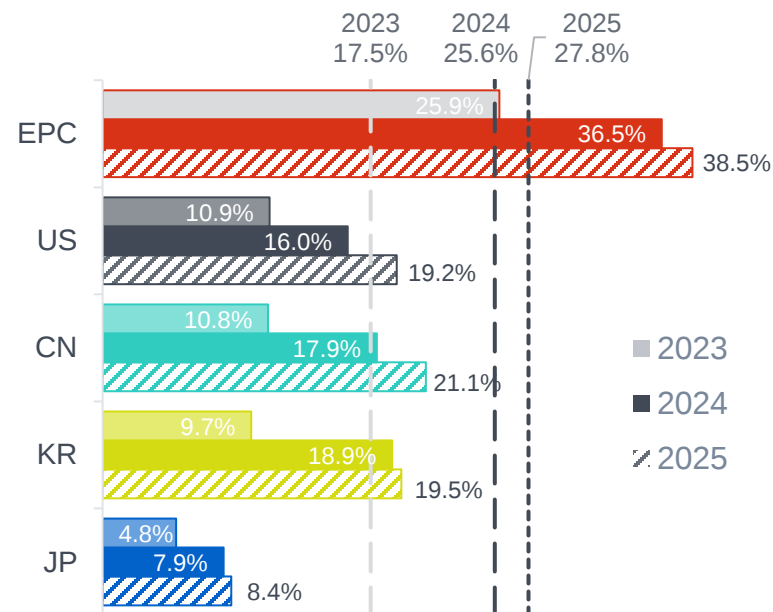
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■ SMEs 32.1%

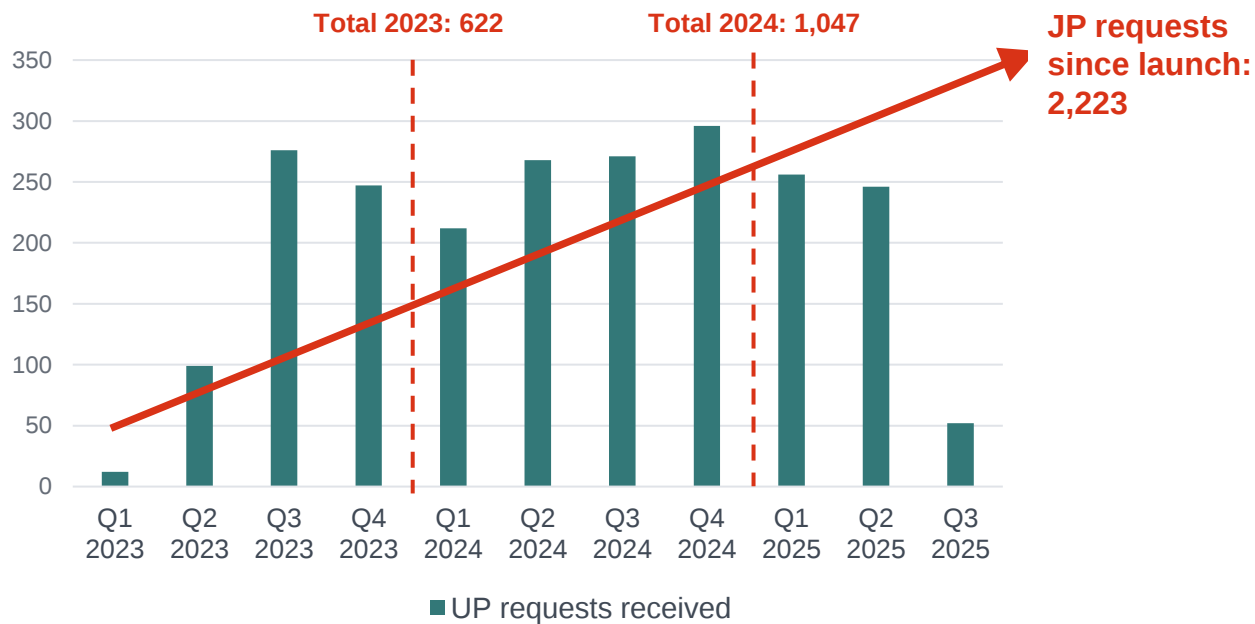
■ Universities 7.6%



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